

## "MAC," CHILDREN'S FRIEND, IS DEAD

Terrier's Chief Diversion Was Playing "Tug of War."

OSLERIZED IN HIS OLD AGE

Owner and Playmates Mourn Departure of Columbia's Best Town Dog.

"Mac," a dog with a personality, is dead. He departed this earth as did "Nellie," a horse, who was his best friend on earth. Both were chloroformed, when the infirmities of age made life no longer worth living for them, and they rest side by side in graves dug with care.

Nearly everybody in Columbia knew Mac. He was something more than a dog—he was a canine individuality. He had strong prejudices, warm affections, and a waggy sense of humor not confined to his caudal appendage. It is but natural, therefore, that, although Mac died last week, there is still sincere mourning for him in the lively stable at Tenth and Cherry streets where he made his home.

Mac was a great believer in first impressions, and if you approached him right it wasn't at all difficult to make his acquaintance. If you happened to be a negro, or were slovenly dressed, the introduction was to your disadvantage.

### Bareback Rider.

Whenever a stable boy was sent out to take a "rig" or return one to the stable, Mac accompanied him. It was Mac's privilege and pleasure on such trips, to ride on Martin, the pony used for those errands, and he kept his seat on Martin's back with impressive decorum.

When children went into the stable Mac's first impression was always good. He was fond of children, and delighted to amuse them by fetching a rope and letting them pull one end while he tugged at the other.

For twelve years Mac led the life of a respected, well-beloved and tolerably well-behaved citizen of Columbia. His strong aversion to cats caused his only serious trouble. When he killed a cat once its owner attacked him with a broom, and he lost his sight soon after.

As Mac grew older he became infirm. Chloroform was the merciful path out of this world for him, but the children whose playmate he had been, and the owner whose staunch friend he had been, couldn't help shedding tears for all that. And now that Mac has gone to the fox terriers' happy hunting ground the friends he left here miss him.

### VARSITY NOTES

Nike Sevier spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents in Jefferson City. Hall Shackelford and Paul Schmidt have visited in Jefferson City since Saturday.

Bennett Clark went to St. Louis to have an operation performed for nasal trouble.

The Sigma Nu fraternity will give an informal dance at the chapter house Thursday night.

H. A. Collier, who has been ill of typhoid fever, is much improved and probably will be out of the Parker hospital in a few days.

Frank Blake of the Rolla football team, departed today for Rolla. He had been at the Sigma Nu house since the game Saturday.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity will give an informal dance at their chapter house next Friday night in honor of the members of the Iowa chapter of the fraternity.

### Y. W. C. A. OF TWO STATES TO MEET IN SPRINGFIELD

Gathering Oct. 29, Is Expected To Be Well Attended.

The annual conference of the Y. W. C. A. of Missouri and Arkansas will be held at Springfield, Mo., Oct. 29 to Nov. 1. Delegates from both student and city associations will attend and will be welcomed by the city association of Springfield and the student associations of Drury College and the State Normal College.

The program promises to be entertaining. Some of the topics discussed will relate directly to the life and work of young women.

### A. H. Joline Lecturer.

A. H. Joline, president of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway, has been appointed lecturer in the new school of public administration at Harvard.

## LEADER OF WORK FOR CHILDREN, GIRL DIRECTOR, SCENES ON PLAYGROUNDS



Dr. C. W. Hetherington, basketball team on Columbia playgrounds, Miss Elinor Canny, and two scenes on Lexington, Mo., playgrounds.

### How the Scientific Theory That Children Benefit Most From Healthful Play is Being Carried Out in Missouri.

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class began to understand the playground idea. Those who intended to go out as directors began to see the psychological significance of the playground and to form specific plans for the control, organization, and management of a playground. In brief this is the idea behind the "giant's swings" and the "teeters" and the sand piles.

#### Child a Social Animal.

The child is primarily a social animal, Dr. Hetherington and his associates believe. This expresses itself in a craving for play. During the long period of infancy before it reaches maturity the child is physically unfitted for hard work. Its brain must be trained—but perhaps that has been overdone. The remaining time is allowed for physical and moral development.

Educators now think the child develops more on the playground than in the school room. The playground as it is conceived today is only an extension of the kindergarten in its broadest sense. Some one has said that the child without a playground is the father to the man without a job, which is another way of saying that anti-social tendencies in the child, unless corrected, send the man to the penitentiary. Hence the necessity for directed play. The bandit's cave where the toughest boy is the play director cannot produce a desirable set of citizens, according to those who study the psychology of play.

#### Names of Directors.

From the University playground class Menta Crouch was sent as director to Charleston, Elizabeth Condon to Shelby, and Ruth Covington as assistant to Poplar Bluffs, Walter M. Dinwiddie was made director, and Charlie Tidd assistant, at Columbia.

Miss Elinor Canny was chosen director at Kansas City. The Kansas City grounds were not under University direction.

The support of four elements are important to the success of the playground—the press, the school board, the mothers, and the commercial club. When the co-operation of any of these was lacking it made a fight necessary. The hours at the playground varied from 8 a. m. to 9 or from 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., the afternoon being the most popular, and the evening in some cases being given up to older people, as at Poplar Bluffs.

At Lexington, sandwiched between the rougher games, were basket weaving and a story hour for the little ones.

Interest was especially keen in baseball, and among the girls in basketball. At each playground during the summer a "Play Festival" was given to exhibit the children's "stunts" to the parents. At the Columbia playground July 4, the exhibit was witnessed by 1,000 persons.

At Butler great interest was manifested in a Field Meet. At Lexington the children were taught patriotism by a daily flag-raising service. A bathhouse was erected on the river at Poplar Bluffs and Miss Covington took the girls for a weekly swim.

#### Children's Newspaper.

Miss Tidd's expeditions to the Hinkson met with equal success. A feature of the Columbia playground was a small newspaper called "The Playground Kids," written and published by four of the children. The tennis tournaments

proved popular with the older children.

But the directors did not always find the flowery path that the newspapers which supported the playground would indicate. Almost unconquerable obstacles were encountered, though in only one case was the playground given up—and then because of the ill health of Miss Condon.

Mr. Crouch at Charleston had a playground lacking in trees, which was a great handicap in hot weather. Every director had to fight against the current rumor that each child who went to the playground must pay tuition. A house-to-house canvass was necessary to overcome that impression.

#### Troubles at Butler.

Mr. Teller at Butler had a whooping cough epidemic and a green maple worm visitation. The former lowered the attendance, though only two of those enrolled took the disease. The latter, Mr. Teller says, kept the children away and the girls were timid about returning even after the worms were gone. However small the town there was this attitude to combat: "I can't let Willie go there and play with that horrid Smith child"—the Smith child being a social outcast. Or, still harder to fight was the attitude of one part of the town to the other. Miss Tidd says that in Columbia when the north side children found that the south side children went in the morning, the north side children went in the afternoon or remained away.

The enrollment of each playground ranged from 100 to 500. The daily attendance varied from 40 to 200.

Five thousand dollars was raised by Dr. Melendy and \$2,000 was pledged towards the "doubtful" playgrounds. The money was allowed in some cases entirely by the school board, sometimes it was contributed mostly by the town's commercial club and other organizations. At Flat River the funds were supplied almost entirely through the generosity of one philanthropic woman.

#### What Playgrounds Cost.

The cost of a playground, when the ground is contributed is: apparatus, \$95; salary of director, at \$75 a month, \$225; and salary of an assistant, if there be one, \$60 a month, \$180.

This makes a total of \$500. For subsequent seasons, of course, the item for equipment would be little or nothing.

Miss Elinor Canny, who had charge of the playgrounds in Kansas City, and who received her training for that work under Dr. Hetherington's supervision, found "her boys" intensely interesting, and, in time, useful. Discussing them, she said to a reporter for the University Missourian:

"The larger boys became very helpful after a time and carried the babies around for me.

"I was proud of my boys. I made them understand that they must not promise anything they did not intend to do. When they told me they would do a thing I knew I could rely on them and I consider that the most valuable thing I taught them."

Miss Canny is a Sophomore in the University of Missouri.

#### Dr. Hetherington Pleased.

"The playgrounds at Butler, Charleston, Poplar Bluffs, Lexington, and Columbia, were the most successful," Dr. Hetherington told a reporter for the University Missourian, when asked about the past and future success of his venture.

"However, some of the playgrounds

## STEAKS COST 25 CENTS POUND HERE

Columbia Housekeeper Says Prices Published Are Too Low.

That the prices on food products in Columbia, quoted last Tuesday in the University Missourian, were too low, is the assertion of one Columbia woman.

For fear of making the prices appear exaggerated, those quoted Tuesday were the most conservative. Even by comparing these conservative prices with the prices at other places, they were found to be higher here than in cities. Yet they were entirely too low, in the opinion of "a Columbia Housekeeper," as shown in this letter to the University Missourian.

#### Beefsteak, 22 1-2 Cents.

"Your table of food prices paper is interesting, but I am inclined to think that those who run boarding houses get their meat cheaper than other housekeepers.

"Since last spring the average price of beefsteak has been 21 1-2 cents. Porterhouse is 25 cents and round steak is 18 cents; the other cuts are 20 and 22 1-2 cents. Bacon is 25 cents a pound.

"By buying several pounds one can sometimes get it for 23 cents and I am told by four different butchers that they will sell none cheaper, that is, they carry no cheaper grades. Mutton steak and chops are 20 cents per pound, pork 20 cents. A neckpiece of mutton for stew is 15 cents.

#### Same At Other Markets.

"Several neighbors whom I have consulted on the matter are paying the same at different markets.

"The cheaper cuts in large cities are much lower than here."

#### A Columbia Housekeeper.

Here are prices on meats as the University Missourian gave them, compared with a list—in the third column, by the Columbia woman.

Beefsteak	18 3-4 cents	21 1-2 cents
Mutton	15 cents	20 cents
Fork	15 cents	20 cents
Dressed chicken	25 cents	25 cents
Rib roast	16 cents	17 cents
Lamb	17 1-2 cents	20 cents
Bacon	19 cents	25 cents
Mutton neck for stew	15 cents	15 cents

which seemed the least cause for encouragement will be started next year with better results. I believe there will be fourteen or fifteen new playgrounds started next summer in the rural communities of Missouri."

The list of directors and of towns where playgrounds were established follows:

Sidney A. Teller, Butler.  
A. F. Grimm, Lexington.  
R. E. Galloway, Lamar.  
J. H. McCullough, Poplar Bluffs.  
Miss Ruth Covington, assistant, Poplar Bluffs.  
Lester Gardner, Flat River.  
Menta L. Crouch, Charleston.  
Miss Ruth Jones, assistant, Charleston.  
F. A. Erling, Mexico.  
Miss Elizabeth Condon, Shelby.  
F. E. Pierson, Unionville.  
Walter Dinwiddie, Columbia.  
Miss C. C. Tidd, assistant, Columbia.  
Directors for the playgrounds at Joplin and St. Joseph were not supplied by the University of Missouri.

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